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SUBJECT: US-AFRICA SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP: PARTIALIV  
NOMINATION

REF: A) LAGOS 5831; B) STATE A-2271

1) POST HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM BENIN CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
( FORMERLY BENIN CITY COUNCIL) FOR ASSISTANCE IN SENDING ITS CHAIRMAN

,  
MR. OSAZE EVBUOMWAN TO SISTER CITIES CONFERENCE. EVBUOMWAN,  
HIMSELF A PRACTICING ATTORNEY, IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT CONFERENCE,  
ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF ANTICIPATED BENIN-GREENSBORO RELATIONSHIP.  
( LAGOS 5981). PROBLEMS IN FUNDING HOWEVER WOULD PREVENT HIS  
ATTENDANCE WITHOUT OUR ASSISTANCE. THEREFORE POST NOMINATES  
EVBUOMWAN FOR 21-DAY PARTIAL (INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM)  
IV-GRANT.

2. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME : MR. OSAZE EVBUOMWAN

PRESENT POSITION: CHAIRMAN, BENIN CITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE, (BENIN CITY COUNCIL) BENIN CITY

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: SEPTEMBER 25, 1929; UROMI, BENIN

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PAST POSITIONS: NOT KNOWN

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS

ACADEMIC TRAINING: UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, LL M., BARRISTER-AT-LAW OF THE HONORABLE SOCIETY OF MIDDLE TEMPLE (LONDON) SOLICITOR & ADVOCATE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE US: NONE

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES : FRANCE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IRAQ, UNITED KINGDOM, 1974; BULGARIA AND AUSTRIA (VIENNA) 1973

ESCORT SERVICES: REQUESTED

VISA ELIGIBILITY: NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED

EMERGENCY NAME & ADDRESS: MR.EBOMWONYI  
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE  
MILITARY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
BENIN CITY

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: MR. EVBUOMWAN, AS CHAIRMAN

OF NEWLY RENAMED BENIN CITY

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, IS KEY PERSON VIS-A-VIS SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH GREENSBORO. IN LIGHT OF THIS FACT, ATTENDANCE AT SCI CONFERENCE BY NOMINEE WOULD PROVIDE INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO LEARN FIRST HAND OF PURPOSES/PROGRAMS OF SCI. FOLLOWUP VISITS TO GREENSBORO AND OTHER U.S. CITIES WOULD ENABLE HIM TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH U.S. COUNTERPARTS. THE POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BY BENIN CITY IS INDICATION OF TEREST CITY HAS IN PROGRAM.

U.S. OBJECTIVES OF VISIT: THIS GRANT WOULD SERVE CU OBJETIVES  
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AS WELL AS SUPOORT CPP PROJECTS.

SPECIFICALLY, CPP IDENITIFIES LEADERS IN URBAN GOVERNMENT AS GROUP TO WHICH WE PLAN TO GIVE ATTENTION. BY MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR BENIN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO ATTEND, WE WOULD BE CONTRIBUTING TO BUILDING OF LASTING CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AS AN INFLUENTIAL LEADER AS WELL AS LAWYER, EBNUOMWAN IS IN POSITION TO INFLUENCE OTHERS AND PROVIDE NOTEWORTHY MULTIPLIER

EFFECT.

AVAILABILITY DATE: AUGUST 2, 1975

3. THE POST UNDERSTANDS, FROM DISCUSSION BETWEEN LAGOS CPAO AND SCI OFFICIALS, THAT SCI WOULD PROVIDE FOODXLODGING FOR PARTICIPANTS DURING CONFERENCE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION.

4. IN ORDER FOR MR. EVBUOAMWAN TO MAKE FUNDING PROPOSAL TO MILITARY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, URGENTLY REQUEST REPLY NLT THAN COB JULY 14 SO WE CAN CONFIRM OUR SHARE.

5. ADVISE.  
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